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## **City to Assist Homeowners with Storm Damage Assessment, Debris Removal**

(LANSING) – The City of Lansing will assist homeowners who sustained damage to their property during the major rain storm of this past weekend, city officials announced today. City aid will include damage assessments by local emergency operations personnel as well as free curbside pickup of bulk household items that were damaged due to basement flooding.

“When a storm event of this magnitude strikes the City, we will always do what we can to help our residents recover from it,” said Mayor Virg Bernero. “Homeowner’s insurance is of course the first option for those who suffered losses due to basement flooding. But we are going the extra mile to ensure that storm-damaged debris is promptly removed and that we do a thorough damage assessment to determine if the City and its residents will be eligible for state or federal disaster assistance funds.”

**To qualify for storm-related damage assessment and debris pickup, residents who experienced basement flooding or other storm-related damage must call 483-4692 no later than Friday, September 26, to report their property damage. This number carries a recorded message that asks the caller to provide their contact information and a damage report so that emergency operations personnel can follow up with them.**

**Elderly or disabled residents who need special assistance in removing damaged items from their homes for curbside pickup should call 2-1-1 for volunteer assistance. All other emergency assistance numbers are also available by calling 2-1-1.**

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In addition, residents who have questions about health issues with flood and sewage cleanup, such as disinfecting, use of protective clothing and what to do with contaminated food, may contact Ingham County Health Department Environmental Services at **887-4312**.

Emergency Operations officials also noted that if a home has been vacated due to storm-related flooding, individuals and families should not move back in until there is:

- Electricity
- An adequate water supply
- Toilet facilities available
- Heating system in working order
- Clean, dry bedding available

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